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a second interconnecting piece that couples the second end edge of the second panel to the outer periphery of the first panel;

wherein the first and second end edges extend beyond the outer periphery of the first panel to provide an extension between the first and second panels.

#### REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-4 and 71-72 are still pending in the present application. Entry of the amendments, and reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

First, claims 1-4 and 71-72 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,098,349. Although Applicant does not agree with this rejection, in the interests of expediting the prosecution of this application, Applicant is submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-4 and 71-72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. Des. 341,407 to McLeese ("McLeese '407") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,915 to Zheng ("Zheng '915"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

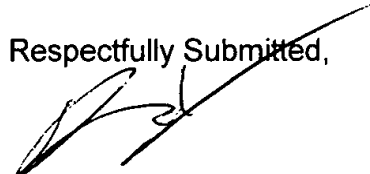
To support this rejection, the Examiner has interpreted the four panels 72b-72e in FIG. 7 of Zheng '915 to correspond to the claimed "upper panel". Each of these panels 72b-72e has a separate frame member. In contrast, claim 1 recited that the upper panel has a foldable frame member. This original recitation should have made it clear that the claimed upper panel has only one frame member, which would clearly distinguish the recited upper panel from the combined four separate panels 72b-72e in FIG. 7 of Zheng '915. However, to make this distinction even clearer, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that the "upper panel" is "defined by a single foldable frame member". Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is allowable over the combination of McLeese '407 and Zheng '915.

Claim 1 has been further amended to specify clearly which panel (i.e., the upper panel or the base panel) the recited frame member and material apply to.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claim 1 can be entered because they do not raise any new issues. In this regard, the amendment to specify that the "upper panel" is "defined by a single foldable frame member" is merely reciting what was already inherently covered by the claim prior to amendment.

In light of the above, entry of the amendments, and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any informal matters that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any suggestions or ideas that would further advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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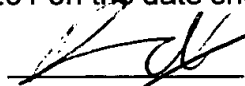
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Marked up replacement paragraphs: None

Marked up rewritten claims:

1. (Amended) A collapsible structure, comprising:

a single first base panel having a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, and a material partially covering the frame member when the frame member is in the unfolded orientation, with the material assuming the unfolded orientation of its associated frame member, the first panel having an outer periphery;

a single second upper panel [having] defined by a single foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, and a material partially covering the frame member of the upper panel when the frame member of the upper panel is in the unfolded orientation, with the material of the upper panel assuming the unfolded orientation of its associated frame member, the second panel having opposing first and second end edges;

a first interconnecting piece that couples the first end edge of the second panel to the outer periphery of the first panel; and

a second interconnecting piece that couples the second end edge of the second panel to the outer periphery of the first panel;

wherein the first and second end edges extend beyond the outer periphery of the first panel to provide an extension between the first and second panels.